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CITY ATTORNEY FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST THREE FORMER ELECTED OFFICIALS REGARDING THEIR RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Complaint Cites Violations of Government Code & Political Reform Act

PRESS AVAILABILITY: City Attorney Michael Aguirre will brief the news media regarding a civil lawsuit filed today that tests the legality of the retirement benefits of three former elected officials: Dick Murphy, Ralph Inzunza and Michael Zucchet. In this particular case, Aguirre contends that the special benefits that elected officials voted for themselves are in violation of the San Diego City Charter.

The complaint seeks to set aside any pension benefits that vested before the defendants were employed by the City of San Diego for ten years, as required by the San Diego City Charter.

These benefits include any purchased pension credits sold to the defendants below actual cost; any pension credits defendants used to satisfy the ten year vesting requirement for pension benefits provided for in the San Diego City Charter; and any retroactive pension benefits granted by the City of San Diego through its City Council for which funding was not provided for at the time the pension credits were created between 2000 and 2002.

The City Attorney's *Interim Report #5, Legal Status of the Elected Officer's Retirement Program* outlines the factual basis for this legal action. It can be accessed on the City Attorney's web site: sandiegocityattorney.org

DATE & TIME: Today at 11: 30 a.m.

LOCATION: City Attorney's Office, 1200 Third Avenue, Suite 1620

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